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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-78 and 162-174 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-78 and 162-174 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 1-78 and 162-174 are pending and have been examined.

#### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on 05 August 2005 has been entered.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-78 and 162-174 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Lau** (USPN 5,987,247) in view of **Lindhorst et al.** (USPN 6,337,696) in further view of **Quaerer-Bock et al.** (USPN 6,023,271).

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Claim 1

**Lau** disclosed a method of generating computer code for application (*column 5, lines 33-40*), comprising:

generating a business logic foundation code, an event handler skeleton and a graphical user interface code (*column 6, lines 24-29; column 5, lines 33-40; column 13, lines 28-44; column 5, lines 33-40*);

receiving web application business logic objects (*column 6, lines 24-29*);

receiving methods (*column 13, lines 28-44*);

organizing the application framework code, the web application business logic objects and the event handler methods into web application source code (*column 4, lines 25-27, linking and compiling, along with building and preparing the code*);

compiling the web application source code (*column 4, lines 25-27*);

compiling modified input files at runtime; and

binding the compiled modified input files with the compiled web application source code at runtime.

**Lau** did not explicitly state generating code for a web application. **Lindhorst** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to generate code for web applications (*column 2, lines 11-19; column 3, lines 1-4; and column 4, lines 10-16*) using, among other elements, a graphical interface input file (*column 11, lines 37-40*). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the application framework generation system of

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**Lau** with graphical design input for the web as found in **Lindhorst's** teaching.

This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide less technical and thus easier methods, such as frameworks and automatic code generation, for average users to program in various known environments, like the web (**Lindhorst**: column 3, lines 37-45; **Lau**: column 2, lines 43-47).

**Lau** did not explicitly state *receiving event handler methods*. **Lindhorst** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to provide event handler methods (column 3, lines 16-20; column 11, line 66 to column 12, line 17; figure 6). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the code generation system of **Lau** with provided event handler methods as found in **Lindhorst's** teaching. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to free a user from being required to know complex technical details of programming, thus making it easier (**Lindhorst**: column 3, lines 38-45).

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** did not explicitly state *compiling/binding the web application source code with input files at runtime*. **Quaerer-Bock** demonstrated it was known at the time of invention to bind at runtime GUI components (input files) to business objects (source code) (column 3, lines 21-25). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the code development system of **Lau** and **Lindhorst** with run-time binding of various

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files/inputs as suggested by **Quaeler-Bock**'s teachings. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to reduce error-prone operations during code development (column 3, lines 5-10). Finally, runtime interpretation/binding indicates allowing updated/modified files up to runtime (ie. "synchronization").

### Claim 2

The limitations of claim 2 are substantially the same as for claim 1 and as such are rejected in the same manner.

### Claim 3

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, wherein generating an event handler skeleton further comprises:

- ♦ parsing at least one input file (**Lindhorst**: column 11, lines 37-40);
- ♦ reviewing the parsed input file for a tag type, an attribute name and an attribute value (**Lindhorst**: column 13, lines 22-64); and
- ♦ determining an event handler method based on the tag type, the attribute name and the attribute value (**Lindhorst**: column 13, lines 22-64).

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Claim 4

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, wherein the web application source code is generated in an object-oriented programming language (***Lau:** column 6, line 34*).

Claim 5

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 4, wherein the object-oriented programming language is Java (*column 6, line 34*).

Claim 6

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 4, wherein the object-oriented programming language is C++ (*column 3, line 65*).

Claim 7

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, further comprising determining if the application framework code is available for the web application (***Lau:** column 6, lines 21-22; and column 5, lines 46-50; must determine if saved framework exists for future editing/changing*).

Claim 8

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, further comprising generating a business logic foundation code (***Lau:** column 6, lines 24-29*).

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Claim 9

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, further comprising generating a graphical user interface code (**Lau**: column 5, line 39).

Claim 10

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 9, wherein generating a graphical user interface code is based on the input files (**Lau**: column 5, lines 33-39; design; column 4, lines 11-28).

Claim 11

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, wherein generating an event handler skeleton is based on the input files (**Lau**: column 5, lines 33-39; design; column 4, lines 11-28).

Claim 12

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, further comprising compiling the web application source code (**Lau**: column 4, lines 25-27).

Claim 13

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** did not explicitly state the method of claim 2, further comprising interpreting the web application source code. **Lau** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to implement using JAVA (column 6, lines 34). Official Notice is taken that Java technology is known to include a



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interpretation system. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the code development system of **Lau** and **Lindhorst** with interpreting code as suggested by JAVA's teaching. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide a system of easy programmability (interpretation can be changed quickly on the fly, especially useful in system testing).

Claim 15

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, wherein the input files are in HTML format (***Lindhorst**: column 11, lines 37-40*).

Claim 18

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, further comprising receiving modified input files (*see motivation under claim 2; runtime interpretation/binding indicates allowing updated/modified files up to runtime*).

Claim 19

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** did not explicitly state the method of claim 18, further comprising compiling the modified input files at runtime. **Lau** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to implement using JAVA (column 6, lines 34). Official Notice is taken that Java technology is known to include a just-in-time compiling system (in other words compiling at run time). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the

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framework development system of **Lau** and **Lindhorst** with run-time compiling as suggested by JAVA's teaching. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to allow for changes/improvements right up until actual use of code (see claim 18).

Claim 20

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 19, further comprising binding the web application source code with the modified input files at runtime (see claim 2 above).

Claim 22

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** did not explicitly state the method of claim 18, further comprising interpreting the modified input files at runtime. **Lau** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to implement using JAVA (column 6, lines 34). Official Notice is taken that Java technology is known to include a interpretation system. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the development system of **Lau** and **Lindhorst** with interpreting code as suggested by JAVA's teaching. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide a system of easy programmability (interpretation can be changed quickly on the fly, especially useful in system testing).

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Claim 23

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 22, further comprising binding the web application source code with the interpreted modified input files at runtime (*see claim 2 and 22; further binding required in order for code to work correctly*).

Claim 24

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, further comprising generating application runtime properties (*Lau: column 5, lines 39-40; attributes at least*).

Claim 25

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** did not explicitly state the method of claim 2, further comprising generating application SQL statements. **Lau** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to utilize database management systems in business logic (column 8, lines 16-25). Official Notice is taken that SQL was known at the time of invention. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the code framework system of **Lau** with generating SQL as well. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide **Lau's** system with the ability to communicate with as many differing systems/environments as possible and thus increasing flexibility and usability.

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Claim 26

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** disclosed the method of claim 2, wherein the application framework code comprises an application object and a servlet web application framework object (*column 5, lines 15-19*).

Claims 27-78 and 162-166

The limitations of system claims 27-166 correspond to the limitations of method claims 2-26 and as such are rejected in the same manner.

Claim 167

**Lau**, **Lindhorst** and **Quaerer-Bock** disclosed the method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining if an application framework code is available for the web application (*column 6, lines 21-22; and column 5, lines 46-50; must determine if saved framework exists for future editing/changing*); and

if the application framework is not available, then generating the application framework code (*column 5, lines 33-40; requiring generation if no saved information is present*).

Claims 168-169

The limitations of claims 168-169 are substantially the same as for claim 167 and as such are rejected in the same manner.

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Claims 171-174

The limitations of claims 170-174 are substantially the same as for claim 3 and as such are rejected in the same manner.

4. Claims 1-78 and 162-174 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Lau** (USPN 5,987,247) in view of **Lindhorst et al.** (USPN 6,337,696) in view of **Quaeler-Bock et al.** (USPN 6,023,271) and in further view of **APA** (Applicant Admitted Prior Art).

Claim 14, 16-17

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** did not explicitly state the method of claim 2, wherein the input files are in XML, cHTML or WML format. **APA** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to utilize XML and WML (page 3, lines 13-14). Official Notice is take that cHTML was known at the time of invention. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the input files of **Lau** and **Lindhorst** with the above formats as found in **APA's** teaching. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide as many formats as possible in order to be of use to the largest community of developers possible and thus increase usefulness of the system.

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Claim 21

**Lau** and **Lindhorst** did not explicitly state the method of claim 20, wherein the modified input files are compiled into DOM objects at runtime (*APA: page 3, lines 14-16*). **APA** demonstrated that it was known at the time of invention to compile mark up language files into DOM (page 3, lines 14-16). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the code development system of **Lau** and **Lindhorst** with DOM compilation as found in **APA**'s teaching. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide a easily handled structure for development (*APA: page 3, lines 16-22*).

Claims 38, 40-41, 58, 60-62, 71 and 73-74

The limitations of claims 38, 40-41, 58, 60-62, 71 and 73-74 are substantially the same as for claims 14, 16-17 and 21 and as such are rejected in the same manner.

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-78 and 162-174 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant's arguments regarding the generation of event handler skeleton are not persuasive. **Lau** clearly indicates generating code (methods and objects) and further generated code provides services regarding events (column 13, lines 28-

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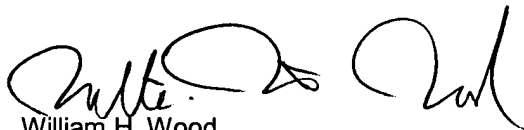
44). Under the broadest reasonable interpretation, event handling code is event service code. Thus, **Lau** disclosed the limitation in question.

***Correspondence Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Wood whose telephone number is (571)-272-3736. The examiner can normally be reached 9:00am - 5:30pm Monday thru Friday.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-3900.



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